

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(M)(2)(D)

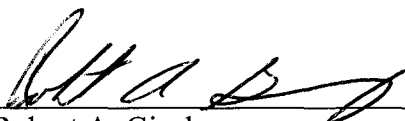
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**TO:** Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners      **DATE:** October 19, 2004

**FROM:** Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney      **SUBJECT:** Resolution directing County Manager to establish an Adopt-A-Park Program

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

  
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Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-19-04

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO  
ESTABLISH AN ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM AND  
DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE  
QUARTERLY REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF THE  
PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, adopting a park encourages individual neighborhood residents or community groups to raise money for worthy park improvement projects like playground equipment, picnic tables, grills, trash receptacles, park benches, park landscaping and trees, as well as repairs and renovation of existing park buildings and facilities in their neighborhood park; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting a park gives park users the satisfaction of knowing that they are maintaining a beautiful place that everyone can enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting a park gives park users a sense of pride, investment and ownership in their neighborhood park, while saving scarce County maintenance dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Park is a way to package and promote philanthropy and volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, many groups, leagues and individuals already provide in-kind donations to their local parks by cleaning, weeding, maintaining the landscaping, maintaining the ball fields, donating equipment and donating other services to their parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New York recently created a very successful adopt-a-park program, and other cities throughout the United States have initiated successful adopt-a-park bench or adopt-a-park tree programs to raise funds earmarked for improvements in neighborhood parks,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners directs the County Manager to establish an Adopt-A-Park program intended to reach out to more neighborhood residents, neighborhood associations, civic groups, and neighborhood businesses with a mechanism for making smaller monetary or in-kind donations to be earmarked to a specific neighborhood park and to a specific need or project in their neighborhood park. The program should encourage neighbors and neighborhood groups and businesses to take a more active role in assisting with the general care and maintenance of their local park.

Section 2. This Board also directs the County Manager to provide quarterly reports on the status of the program.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrian D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Mariela Martinez-Cid